

**REMARKS****Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claim 16 is rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Lary et al., U.S. pat. No. 5,713,913. However, in the balloon described by Lary, the markers 34, 36 and 38 are separated longitudinally and are therefore not coextensive.

**Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lary '913. As discussed above, there is no teaching or suggestion of placing the markers coextensively. In applicant's balloon, the markers are placed coextensively to facilitate the folding of the balloon.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that Claims 2 and 9 are directed to patentable subject matter. In view of the amendments, claims 1, 15 and 16 are believed to be in allowable condition, so there is no need to rewrite claims 2 and 9 as suggested by the Examiner.

**Submission of Formal Drawings**

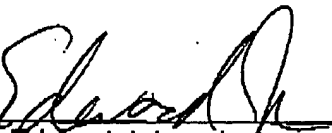
In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that formal drawings need to be submitted in this application. However, formal drawings were submitted on March 22, 2002. A copy of the Submission of Formal Drawings is attached.

**Conclusions**

Applicant believes that all pending claims are directed to patentable subject matter. Reconsideration and an early allowance are respectfully requested.

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